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1. San José is the chief scapert of Gustemala on the Pacific Coast, and is only an open roadstead, deriving its importance from its connection by railroad with Gustemala City, 72 miles distant inland. It is located in Lat 13° 55' N, Long 90° 50' W. H O Chart 873.

2. There are two terminals at this port:

One is a combination dry cargo and cil terminal, comed and operated by the International Railways of Central America which consists of a long pier 920 ft from shore, with depths of 89 to 36 ft at its outer and and used entirely by small craft, (lighters and tugs) for the transshipment of goods to and from vessels mored in the roadstead. Tankers consigned to this terminal moor sterm to their dock 400 ft distant with two enchors used for how mornings and sterm secured to two or more of the four buoys located abresset of the end of the pier, two on each side. Furthers discharge over the sterm by means of a floating 8" hose.

The second terminal, or berth, is located approximately 1% miles west of the IRCA terminal. This berth consists of mooring buoys - 2 aft and 1 forward on the port cide. The ships anchor is used on the starboard bow. The berth is about 1500 ft from shore in 40 to 47 ft of water. Tankers discharge into a submarine pipeline with hose connections on the port side.

- 3. Deep-draft vessule (T-C type) fully later can discharge at these terminals, when see and veather conditions are normal.
- 4. As at other ports on the Central American Coast, winds at San José generally blow from a direction between south and south castward and westward between lord AM and 9:00 PM, then a short interval of calm follows. Winds accompanied by heavy squalls and frequent rains prevail from the middle of May until October. These heavy squalle always blow from the east and last about 45 minutes, secongapied by heavy rains.
- 5. Vessels must exercise caution while in the moorings and leave the roadstoad when heavy winds spring up.

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